

## Kitting program streamlines support to warfighter

By Dan Bell  
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Have you ever been working on a vehicle or home repair project and you couldn't finish the job because you needed to make a run to the store just to buy a bolt and a washer? It's bad enough losing time driving to the store, but it's even more frustrating when you must buy a package of washers and bolts and end up spending more money for excess parts you don't need.

When it comes to supporting the warfighter with critical supply parts, Defense Supply Center Columbus is increasing partnerships with customers and suppliers on an engagement strategy that combines several National

Stock Numbers into kits. These kits eliminate excess parts and save the customer time and money while providing quality parts more efficiently.

The Defense Logistics Agency kitting program fully supports customer's needs through the use of automated, seamless, integrated systems that transform customer requirements into tangible, executable and measurable solutions.

During a visit to the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Ga., DSCC strategic sourcing manager Eugene Williams witnessed one example of how kitting could save Marines time and money. While observing a Marine who was repairing an Amphibious Assault Vehicle, Williams noticed

that time could be saved if the mechanic had all the repair parts delivered at one time.

"While repairing the vehicle, the mechanic was required to make several trips to supply bins to retrieve individual piece parts while repairing the vehicle," Williams said. "In this situation, if all the piece parts were in one kit then time would be saved during repairs and there would not be any excess parts."

Kitting is not a new idea within DLA, but is a pro-



(DSCC photo)

Members of the DSCC Land Kitting Team gather to review a customer's request. From left are Laura Barraza, Derek Hurst, Bob Turner and Matt Harmon.

gram gaining momentum within DSCC. In 2004, DSCC and the U.S. Army entered into a memorandum of agreement to reduce lead times for material flow

to production lines on Army land vehicle systems. A part of this initiative involved the Anniston Army Depot in Anniston, Ala. During this

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(VA photo)

Welcome Home Warrior team members Lloyd Davis (center) and Robert "Mac" McGowan talk with Army Sgt. Brett Pyles of the Ohio National Guard during a recent drill held at the National Guard armory 90 days after Pyles returned from Iraq.

### Operation Welcome Home Warrior

## Vietnam vets reach out to today's returning vets through program at Columbus VA clinic

From the VA Hometown News Service

I've been there and I know what you're going through. That's the message retired Army Capt. Mac McGowan, a patient at the Chalmers P. Wylie VA Outpatient Clinic in Columbus, Ohio, wanted to convey to his young

neighbor who had just returned from the war in Iraq.

Though professing to be "not very good with words," the accomplished writer and retired social worker wrote a letter to the young soldier, thanking him for his service. He also let him know he had someone he could talk to, someone who

knew what war really looks like, sounds like and feels like years after the final bullets have been shot.

McGowan, an airborne infantryman in Vietnam, survived the Tet Offensive and countless other battles. Wounded and decorated for valor, his memories aren't always heroic; most,

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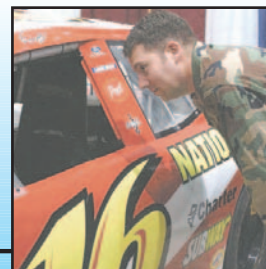
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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Bid to block BRAC closings fails

The U.S. House of Representatives has rejected, on a 324-85 vote, a bid to stop the base closings and realignment package crafted this year by a special commission. The package was based on Pentagon recommendations that the commission changed somewhat. The vote most likely means an end to congressional efforts to block the package. In past similar situations, once one house of Congress has rejected an effort to stop a base closing package the other chamber didn't even take up the issue.

The closings and realignments most likely will affect, directly, or indirectly, tens of thousands of Defense Department employees, although the number of those facing layoffs likely will be far lower, after early retirement and buyout offers, job search help and other services the Pentagon has said it will offer.

## Deadline to schedule 'use or lose' leave nears

While the current federal leave year doesn't end until Jan. 7, the date for scheduling "use or lose" annual leave in most cases is Nov. 26. Generally, federal employees may carry over to the next leave year no more than 240 hours of accrued annual leave; they

must use their excess annual leave by the end of a leave year or they will forfeit it.

An agency may consider restoring annual leave that was forfeited due to an exigency of the public business or sickness of the employee but only if the annual leave was scheduled in writing before the scheduling cut-off date. Employees who find themselves unable to use their excess leave can donate it to a leave sharing program for the benefit of fellow federal employees who have medical or other emergencies.

## FEHB Open Season continues until Dec. 12

The annual Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season began Nov. 14 and runs through Dec. 12. During that time, federal employees not participating may join it, and current enrollees may change plans, change between self-only and self-and-family coverage, or change levels of coverage within a plan, for those plans offering a choice.

The typical employee share of premiums is going up by about 10 percent, even though the overall average premium increase is estimated at 6.6 percent.

During the same period is the annual open season for enrolling in flexible spending accounts for the upcoming calendar year;

unlike the FEHB, a new enrollment is required each year for FSAs.

## TSP now has 3.5 million participants

There are now more than 3.5 million participants in the Thrift Savings Plan, TSP statistics show, with a total of some \$167 billion in investment. Of the total participants, nearly 1.9 million are in FERS, another 443,000 in CSRS, another 493,000 military participants and another 707,000 participants not currently making contributions - such as separated persons who have left their accounts in place.

Of the investment total, 39 percent is in the G fund, 40 percent in the C fund, 7 percent in the S fund, 6 percent each in the F and I funds, and 2 percent spread among the five L funds. The average account balance for a CSRS participant is about \$47,000 and for a FERS participant about \$56,000.

## DSCC craft show set for Nov. 17

The third annual DSCC Hand Crafted Craft Show will be from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 17 in the Building 20 cafeteria. The show will feature crafts handmade by DSCC associates. Anyone interested in participating in the craft show or who would like more information can call 614-692-1111.

## LDA announces new officers for 2006



(DSCC photo by Dave Benzing)

The DSCC Leadership Development Association's new officers for 2006 are (seated from left) president Tiffani R. Harris, communications chair Constance H. Gardener, membership chair Navy Lt. Cmdr. Brian Baldus; and (standing from left) secretary Jane G. Baird, board member at large Charles L. Barnett, co-program chair Mischellie C. Wolfe and program chair David Lanzillotta. Not present for the photo were vice president, Kelly T. Penwell, treasurer Marcia L. Mitchell and historian Eleanor G. Holland. LDA stands committed to developing leadership skills by providing the workforce with continuous learning opportunities through educational forums, networking and professional events. More information about LDA is available at the group's Web site at [www.dscclia.mil/library/associations/lda/](http://www.dscclia.mil/library/associations/lda/).

## OBITUARIES

## Douglas H. Chambers

Douglas H. Chambers, 51, of Columbus died Nov. 1. Mr. Chambers retired from DSCC after 17 years of service.

## Evelyn M. Gartner

Evelyn M. Gartner, 94, of Worthington, died Oct. 31 at the Laurels of Norworth. Ms. Gartner was a retired DCSC employee.

## Charles Anthony Kelly

Charles Anthony Kelly, 77, of Heath, died Nov. 1 at the Ohio State University Medical Center. Mr. Kelly was retired from Newark Air Force Base where he worked in meteorology.

## Kenneth H. "K.O." O'Conner

Kenneth H. O'Conner, 73, of Grove City, died Oct. 28 at Monterey Care Center of Grove City. Mr. O'Conner retired from DSCC after 30 years of service.

## Timothy James Pallone

Timothy James Pallone, 39, of Thornville, died Oct. 24. Mr. Pallone was a former DSCC employee.

## Don Casto Redd

Don Casto Redd, 72, of Canal Winchester, died Nov. 6 at Kobacker House. Mr. Redd was a U.S. Army veteran and was retired from DSCC.

At the Web site, visitors will be asked a series of simple questions designed

to verify their identity and to protect their personal  
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## Quick help available for proof of Social Security income

By Jim Vess  
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Unfortunately, the paperwork requirements of life do not suddenly disappear when people stop working. There still may be times when someone will need proof of income, such as when applying for a car

loan or a mortgage, or if someone wants to apply for assisted housing or other state or local benefits.

For older Americans, and for many Americans with disabilities, this proof of income would probably include proof of their Social Security benefits.

Because it is such a common need, we try to make

getting proof that someone is receiving income from Social Security as easy as possible. People can visit the Social Security Web site at [www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices/) and request a "Proof of Income" letter. This letter is sometimes called a "budget letter," a "benefits letter" or a "proof of award letter."



# DFAS stages fantastic charity voyage to raise funds for CFC

By Jim Bolton  
DFAS Corporate  
Communications

Employees were invited to embark upon a Fantastic Voyage during the Combined Federal Campaign Talent Show Oct. 27 in the Denver-Indianapolis Room at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Conference Center.

Nationally known entertainer Karl Russell was the event's special guest and performer. Nearly \$500 was raised during the event, with winners determined by audience donations for their favorite performers.

One of the show's organizers, Saundra Hill, explained how this year's

CFC show theme was determined.

"Every year we come up with a new theme," Hill said. "This year we came up with a cruise theme, and 'Fantastic Voyage' was a popular song by a group called Lakeside. Also, our special guest, Karl Russell, is the former lead singer of the Hues Corporation, the group with the 1970s hit song 'Rock the Boat.' That pulled it all together."

Prior to his performance this year, Clarence Billheimer, Defense Distribution Center Accounting, mistakenly believed he would have to pay an entry fee to participate in the talent show. After learning there was no entry fee, he decided to share his talent.

"I decided to participate by singing because I have been doing special numbers in different ministries at church - a nursing home and Reformers Unanimous, an addiction recovery ministry," Billheimer said.

"I wanted the opportunity to share what my spiritual life means to me with others," he added. "Originally, I chose a longer song that is



(DFAS photo by Jim Bolton)

Leonard Parker, Greg Madison, Tyree Drafton and Glen Bell were crowned the winners based on their performance during the CFC "Fantastic Voyage" Talent Show.

my favorite, but after meeting with the talent show organizers, we all agreed on my doing 'Amazing Grace.'"

Billheimer's performance of the classic opened this year's talent show.

Hill went on to say that she and her fellow organizers - Sondra Grant, Rhonda West, Carole Scott and Toylyse Moore - were pleased with the caliber of performers who participated.

"Both DFAS employees and non-DFAS performers willingly gave their time and effort on a voluntary basis while at the same time creating a show inspiring laughter and higher morale," Hill said.

"For me, the talent show is one of the times at DFAS when you can enjoy yourself and have fun while helping others by raising money for CFC," said Greg Madison, a member of the winning act "The Floaters" and an employee with

North Line Item Schedule and Shipment Records.

Hill said the event is an important part of the annual federal campaign.

"It is an anticipated event requiring minimum time in support of raising CFC funds," Hill commented.

Based upon the enthusiastic support provided, audience response, laughter and extremely positive comments, Hill called the event a success.

This year's winners were:

- 1st - The Floaters (Leonard Parker, Greg Madison, Tyree Drafton and Glen Bell)
- 2nd - Mary Sturgeon
- 3rd - Rashad Mosley, son of DFAS employee Marla Mosley

The performers were Clarence Billheimer, Dennis Evans, Elvis Melvis, Mary Sturgeon, Rashad Mosley, Angel Evans and the Floaters - Leonard Parker, Greg Madison, Tyree Drafton and Glen Bell.



(DFAS photo by Jim Bolton)

Mary Sturgeon sings the "Shoop, Shoop Song" to claim second place at the CFC "Fantastic Voyage" Talent Show Oct. 27 at the DFAS Conference Center.



(DFAS photo by Jim Bolton)

Rashad Mosley, son of DFAS employee Marla Mosley, danced his way to a third-place finish during the CFC "Fantastic Voyage" Talent Show Oct. 27 at the DFAS Conference Center.

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# Native American blends Navajo, Christian values in her heritage

By Tony D'Elia  
DSCC Public Affairs Office

'May you live in harmony and walk in beauty.' — a Navajo blessing

It was difficult to do, leaving home, but the pain of leaving home is part of her heritage. It's all too familiar in the Native American experience in the United States.

Ann Large is a full-blooded Navajo who recalls leaving the reservation where she had lived her entire life. Today, she is the wife of a Baptist minister, mother of two adult children and a grandmother. Currently a financial systems specialist in the Electronic Commerce Office, she is a 16-year veteran employee of Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus.

"It's been difficult being away from family but I've grown a lot since, and I've actually learned more about my tribe. I've learned to appreciate my heritage more," says Large.

Most of her family, her mother Bessie Largo and her two older sisters and numerous other family members, chose to stay in New Mexico near the reservation because "it's home" and many are drawn to the area by the four sacred mountains.

## Sacred mountains

It's a belief of the Navajos, one of the largest tribes in the United

States, that the Creator placed them on land between four sacred mountains (the Blanca Peak in Colorado, Mount Taylor in New Mexico, the San Francisco Peaks in Arizona and Hesperus Peak in Colorado). According to their own history, the Navajos have always lived between these mountains, and have been instructed by the Creator to never leave their sacred homeland.

Large left her native Shiprock, N.M., after high school to attend Baycone Junior College, a Baptist school originally founded in Muskogee, Okla., for Native Americans. That is where she met her husband.

Large, who spoke Navajo until she began learning English in kindergarten, had to leave home early in life to attend boarding school for the first five years of her education.

## Off to boarding school

Sending children away to boarding school was another part of the Native American experience. Indi-



(DSCC photo)  
*Ann Large of DFAS, a full-blooded Navajo, holds a handwoven rug with the design of the Two Grey Hills given to her by her mother. It is on display in the Building 20 cafeteria lobby during November, which is National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.*

an boarding schools sprang up after the Civil War when the U.S. government felt it was best to take Native Americans out of their environment to "teach them the ways of the white man."

"Many of the children

got so terribly homesick," she said. "They would run away even when it was cold in the winter. But it wasn't so bad for me, since my mother was the head cook at the boarding school."

Large relates the story of how the Navajos and other tribes that were forced by the U.S. government in 1862 to move to eastern New Mexico to a 40-square-mile area on the Pecos River. Similar to the "Trail of Tears" saga of the Cherokees being forced out of Georgia by the 1830 Indian Removal Act, the Navajos experienced "The Long Walk" in 1862. More than 9,000 Native Americans were herded to eastern New Mexico to Bosque Redondo, the first Indian reservation west of the Oklahoma Indian Territory.

## Failed experiment

But, by 1868, the government declared the project near Fort Sumner, N.M., a dismal failure and the Indians were permitted to leave.

Many died on the journey home and never saw

their sacred mountains.

A third generation Christian, Large's grandfather was a Navajo medicine man. He converted to Christianity while working with missionaries as an interpreter and passed his new religion on to his family.

"A lot of things I learned growing up seem to line up side-by-side with what the Bible teaches," says Large, who has never forgotten the Navajo values and has passed them on to her children.

"Respect for elders and respect for people in general is one of the values I have," said Large.

"Grandmothers are very highly respected. Families always go to the grandmother for financial and family advice and I even see this with my own children.

"Navajo women never had to fight for their rights. They own everything," said Large, who also appreciates and lives the Navajo tradition and philosophy of generosity.

Large explained that Navajos don't live in large houses because it's a sign of hoarding money. She and her husband of 37 years live in a small home in Columbus.

"I was also taught to never value things over people. I never had an attachment to things," said Large, who noted that her husband, who is not Navajo, takes care of the family finances. "If it were left to me, we wouldn't have any money," she said with a laugh.

## Center celebrates Native American month during November

Faye Brings Them, a Sicangu Lakota and a Cleveland, Ohio, social worker, will be a guest of the Combined Defense Federal Community program managers for their 2005 observance of National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.

Under the theme "Respecting traditions, embracing a healthy future," Brings Them will be at the Defense Supply Center Columbus Building 20 cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 16

doing a hands-on demonstration to show associates how to make Native American "Dream Catchers." Brings Them, who served as an Indian child welfare advocate and is a graduate of Sinte Gleska University on the Rosebud Reservation, S.D., will also conduct a powwow interpretation dance program.

Also part of the observance is a display of Native American items outside DSCC's Building 20 cafeteria. An online information book-

let published by Defense Department DefenseLink is available to associates. See the Message of the Day for more information.

American Indian Heritage Month started out as a single day and then a week before it became a month. In 1990, President George Bush approved a resolution that designated November as National American Indian Heritage Month from a week as it had been.

## Did you know?

Did you know:

- that 21 states in the United States bear Native American names such as Ohio (which means the Great River)?

- that the largest American Indian tribe is the Cherokee with 729,533 members?

- that when Columbus came to the Americas there were an estimated 2 million to 18 million Indians?

- that by 1900 there were only 250,000 Indians in the United States?





(DSCC photo by David Benzing)

Members of the new File Manager Working Group meet to plan ways to preserve and improve the "Q Drive" at DSCC. In 2003, 4.5 million files were migrated from the old Public, Share and Data folders to the "new" Q Drive. Today, that number has swelled to nearly 9 million. The group consists of representatives of most of the center's directorates and offices.

## End of 'Wild West Show' in sight as new working group puts reins on file management at DSCC

By Tony D'Elia  
DSCC Public Affairs Office

"It's time for the 'Wild West Show' to end," Walt House says with a smile.

He might be smiling, but House, Larry Brown and the rest of the new File Manager Working Group are dead serious about the task in front of them. The group was organized to preserve and improve the "Q Drive" at Defense Supply Center Columbus.

In 2003, 4.5 million computer files were migrated from the old Public, Share and Data folders to the "new" Q Drive. Today, that number has swelled to nearly 9 million files. Files have been shooting to the Q Drive at such rapid-fire rates that House describes the situation at a "Wild West Show."

In many cases, duplicate copies of documents reside on the Q Drive. In other cases, outdated documents have been left stranded there. Different versions of the same document proliferate, and many files would be more appropriately stored on CDs.

"Space is no longer an

issue," says House, noting that state-of-the-art computer technology has greatly expanded storage space. House says that today's major problem is in search capabilities.

Despite the better technology, searching for important files to aid associates in their day-to-day activities can be cumbersome. It takes time to search through millions of documents. A major problem is that associates are not listing "metadata" before they send a document to the Q Drive.

### Metadata aids search

Metadata, or data about data, is data attached to documents. It gives the author's name and organization, keywords and anything else that would help in a search.

Metadata is a simple way to make a document more "searchable." To do it, all one has to do is go to the file tab and click on "Properties." The "File Management" query will open. Here, authors list their name, subject category and

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## DSCC celebrates U.S. Navy's 230th birthday



(DSCC photos by Charles Morris)

DSCC celebrated the 230th birthday of the U.S. Navy Oct. 26 with a traditional cake-cutting ceremony in the Building 20 auditorium. The celebration began with Maritime Customer Operations Director Navy Capt. Griffin Warren reading the Navy birthday message from Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michael G. Mullen, followed by a video presentation of the Navy's history. The cake-cutting was performed by (above from left) Maritime Customer Operations Director Navy Capt. Michael Robinson, DSCC Commander Navy Rear Adm. Charlie Lilli and Navy Lt. Robert Kirk of the Aviation Detachment. In the photo below are some of the active duty members of the U.S. Navy Supply Corps at DSCC. From the left are Cmdr. Cliff Scott, Lt. j.g. Gentry Debord, Warren, Lilli, Kirk, Lt. Gwen Liegel, Robinson, Cmdr. David Peters, Lt. Cmdr. Dion English and Lt. Cmdr. Brian Baldus. Other DSCC Navy personnel not present for the photo are Cmdr. Patrick Blesch, Cmdr. Tim Varvel, Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Schmidt, Lt. Cmdr. Harry Nicholson, Lt. Cmdr. Rodney Blevins and Lt. Dan Hogue.





# Kitting

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initiative, DLA was asked to develop kits designed around Anniston's production lines and to deliver the kits directly to the production lines on as-needed basis.

"Other defense supply centers have been using kitting for medical and aviation supply requisitions for the past couple of years," added Laura Barraza, supervisor of the Land Supply Chain Kitting Team. "With the DSCC Land Supply Chain, we have added 70 kits this year. During fiscal 2004, our sales were more than \$12 million and during fiscal 2005 our sales were \$50 million, surpassing our goal by more than \$8 million."

The customer determines the contents in kits. "Customers know exactly what parts are needed for mandatory replacement," added Williams. "The customer tells us what is needed for the kit and we work with suppliers to ensure that their kitting requirement results in a best value solution to the warfighter."

According to Barraza, the Land Kitting Team, under the Strategic Material Sourcing Group, develops the kit according to the



(DSCC photo)

*Kitting is a program that is gaining momentum throughout DSCC because the kits save the customers and the government time and money. Kits contain all the required individual parts to support the customer.*

customer's request. In accomplishing this, the SMSG assists with Engineering Support Activity approvals, National Stock Number assignment requests and decides if the kit should be solicited to a commercial source or

assembled in-house by the Defense Distribution Centers.

As DSCC focuses on best value solutions for the warfighter, the kitting program will continue to provide a flexible, responsive service to its customers.

## New workers

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a list of keywords that can help describe the document.

"My mantra is 'current and relevant,'" says Brown of the challenge before him and the group whose creation was approved Oct. 11 by DSCC Deputy Commander James McLaugherty. If the document is no longer current - delete it. If it is no longer relevant - delete it, says Brown.

"We must get our arms around our data if we are to remain a leading-edge logistics organization," Brown added. "The economic value of business information has a significant effect on the bottom line."

Brown chairs the File Manager Working Group, which consists of representatives of most of the center's directorates and offices. The group is charged with addressing the roles and responsibilities of file managers, authors and approving authorities; content; file size; and guiding the effective and efficient use of the technology to assure compliance with established business rules.

In the near future, documents going to External folders in the Q Drive will have to go through supervision and a file manager who will determine whether it is "suitable for framing" on the Q Drive. If the document doesn't have metadata, it will not be placed on the Q Drive, but returned to the author.

### Clean, Zip and burn

"In this age of technology where we put the emphasis on going 'paperless' by using electronic filing/storing means, we have not put in place ways to manage our 'electronic clutter,'" said Sam Merritt, deputy director of the DSCC Operations Support Group, and champion of

the working group. "As a 'world class' organization, it is important that we have information that is current and readily obtainable not only for ourselves, but also for our customers. It takes each one of us to make this a reality."

The short-term goals for administration are for users to clean out duplicate records, zip large files, burn large databases to CD, and provide metadata on new files that will be shared (e.g., External).

The long-term goal is for users to examine existing files in External and apply metadata to set the stage for sharing information enterprise-wide via Web-based applications.

J6C is assisting in the metadata effort by developing a program to run weekly reports that highlight files lacking authors' name, key words, title and subject. The file managers will investigate and resolve significant violations of the business rules that guide their efforts.

The File Managers Working Group recognizes that in addition to duplicate copies of some files, outdated or non-business files, the files lack essential data that would make searching for them easier. This metadata is similar to the classification schemes used by libraries to make searching easier.

Brown is encouraging Q Drive users to explore the advantages to the file management approach, and asks for user support and feedback to make the process not only friendlier, but appropriate to DSCC's corporate goals.

The File Manager Working Group's site or folder is located in the Q Drive at Q:\ OpsCenter\File Managers.



# DSCC associates receive diplomas at Park University commencement

By Dan Bender  
DSCC Public Affairs Office

A total of 15 Defense Supply Center Columbus associates were among the 74 people who received diplomas during an Oct. 22 Park University commencement ceremony in the Building 20 auditorium at DSCC.

DSCC Commander Navy Rear Adm. Charlie Lilli provided welcoming remarks for the 62 graduates who participated in the ceremony and their family members and friends in the audience.

Lilli told the graduates to expect change in their roles as part of "a new breed of

thinkers, innovators and inventors to adapt, create and win a war against an insidious foe" in the war on terrorism.

"You have been given the finest training. And because of that, each of you will need to step up to bat in a world that is constantly changing," he said.

Lilli also thanked the graduates' family members for their support while their loved ones were attending classes and studying.

"Many of you deserve the lion's share of the credit for helping them to this moment in their lives. They are truly blessed for your contributions," he said.

The commencement address was given by Dr. Thomas Peterman, Park's vice president for distance learning. June Mohr, the director of Park's DSCC office, presented the candidates for their degrees.

"More and more career-oriented adults recognize that more knowledge and specialized skills are essential to advancing their careers," Mohr said.

The DSCC associates who graduated Oct. 22 and their degrees are:

- Ruby Blackhurst, associate of science, management/logistics;
- Marla Clifton, associate of science, management;
- Lisa Griffin, associate of



(DSCC photo by Dave Benzing)

*DSCC associate Kim Wickham (center) is all smiles as she walks into the auditorium at the beginning of the Park University commencement ceremony held Oct. 22 at DSCC. Walking in with her are Rhonda West (left) and Victoria Wiley.*

- science, management;
- Doris Haywood, bachelor of science, management;
- Ronald Jones, associate of science, management, bachelor of science, management/human resources;
- Monica M. Oliver, associate of science, management;
- Colleen L. C. Pintar, bachelor of science, management/logistics management, summa cum laude;
- Paula Porter, bachelor of science, management, summa cum laude;
- Jonathan A. Sanders, associate of science, management;
- Harold Shirey, associate of science, management, bachelor of science, management;
- Renee Spann, bachelor of science, management/logistics;
- Mary Jayne Tolbert, bachelor of science, management, magna cum laude;
- Wendell Tucker, bachelor of science, management/logistics, cum laude;
- Sondra Ward, associate of science, management;
- Kim Wickham, associate of science, management.

Lilli noted that since Park relocated its office from Newark Air Force Base to DSCC in 1996, more than 250 associates who work on the DSCC installation have received degrees. The Park office is located in Building 11 Section 9 on the installation; it can be reached at 614-237-4229.

## DFAS employees recognized for supporting NSPS conference



(DFAS photos by Jim Bolton)

*In the photo above, Mary Lacey (left), director of the Program Executive Office for the National Security Personnel System, visited Columbus Oct. 31 and recognized DFAS mailroom employees who had gone "above and beyond" in support of NSPS training. Each employee received praise and an NSPS coin. Standing with Lacey are DFAS Mailroom employees (from left) Larry Brady, Doug Colden, Jim Bucco, Peggy Grantham, Rob Rollenhagen, Steve Wicks and Harry Elkins. On the right is DFAS Columbus site director Nancy Zmyslinski. In the photo below, Lacey recognized DFAS Conference Center employees who had gone "above and beyond" in support of NSPS training recently. Each employee received praise and an NSPS coin. Standing with Lacey and Zmyslinski are DFAS Conference Center staff (from left) Jeff Thompson, Phillipa Houston, Samantha Sackett, Debi Bever and Cassandra Luckett.*



(DSCC photo by Dave Benzing)

*A total of 62 people participated in the Park University commencement ceremony held Oct. 20 in the Building 20 auditorium on the DSCC installation.*



# VA welcome

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(VA photo)

Members of the Operation Welcome Home Warrior Team are shown at the Wylie clinic sign. The team helps new military veterans assimilate back into their regular lives when they return to the United States after serving in combat. Team members on the left side of the sign are (standing from left) Lloyd Davis, Osborn (Big "O") Overby, Al Burzynski and Eboni Brown and (seated from left) Jerome Skaggs and Dana Mederios. On the right side of the sign are (from left) Dan Law, Chuck Kalb, Jim Garvey, Frank Kearney and Robert "Mac" McGowan. Burzynski, Brown and Skaggs are VA employees and part of the Operation WHW team; the rest are volunteers who serve as part of the team.

in fact, are tragic.

The simple message McGowan first intended only for his neighbor became much more after he read the letter to his fellow veteran volunteers at the clinic. A match was struck.

That small flame became a fire, forging a team of VA staff, veteran volunteers and local community members who call their efforts "Operation Welcome Home Warrior." The initiative officially kicked off April 29 as part of the Columbus VA outpatient clinic's annual volunteer services awards luncheon, but by then the work the team does with returning veterans from the Global War on Terrorism had been under way for nearly six months.

## In the beginning

According to Al Burzynski, public affairs officer at the Columbus clinic, Welcome Home Warrior grew from grassroots issues and friendships to a dedicated volunteer team that operates today. As a new public affairs officer in the VA system, Burzynski wanted to learn more about post-

traumatic stress disorder because it had been such a hot topic in the media. At the same time, he'd been getting to know the veteran volunteers at the clinic.

One of his new friends, Lloyd Davis, a Vietnam veteran who helped start the team, brought McGowan and his letter to Burzynski's attention. He was struck by the message.

"After reading that wonderful letter, I asked McGowan, Davis and their cohorts from the PTSD support group if they would be willing to speak publicly about PTSD to the media, the clinic's stakeholders, city officials and at public meetings," Burzynski said.

But their interest wasn't so much in talking to the media. They wanted to go directly to the soldiers. Those who would be returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with the disorder were their primary concern.

Rather than being discouraged, Burzynski saw an opportunity in the different focus of the group and decided to make their testimonies

an integral part of his presentations to returning troops. Soon, members of the team were with Burzynski at every event he attended.

## Operation in Action

When Dan Law returned from combat duty in Vietnam, his then-girlfriend lived out on a country road. Picking her up at night was an ordeal for him.

"In Vietnam, ambushes were sprung when the foliage was right out to the edge of the road," explained Law, a Defense Supply Center Columbus associate who is now a member of the WHW team. "I can remember her panicking because in the dark of night I cut my lights and was going about 60 miles an hour. She asked me, 'What are you doing?' and I replied, 'I'm surviving, what's the matter with you?'"

Decades later, a former Marine who had been out of Iraq for more than a year was having similar problems relating to his wife and mother.

"He was acting different, hard, which wasn't the laid-

back man we knew," said Sandra Nading, the Marine's mother. Nading wanted to help her son, but when she tried to talk with him, he would get edgy and anxious. He often insisted he was fine, that nothing was wrong. Nading grew more concerned. During a visit to the Columbus clinic for her son's ankle injury, Nading met Burzynski, who told her about the WHW project. Burzynski suggested that Nading bring her son in for a friendly chat after his medical appointment. While Nading went to get her son, Burzynski invited one of the members of the WHW group, Chuck Kalb, to come talk with the former Marine. Kalb was eager to meet the young man.

"My son and I were sitting in Al's office when Chuck walked in the door and said, 'You know, I want to thank you for what you did for your country.' He said thank you, but it was more than that," Nading said.

"At that moment I could see something had lifted off my son's chest. In just a

short talk, Chuck really pulled a lot of stuff out of my son that he didn't even realize he was holding back."

It's the warrior aspect of WHW that Burzynski believes gives the operation its high level of success. Returning veterans are greeted by older, yet somehow familiar, faces. They attest that eyes that have seen battle can instantly connect across generations to form a bond and an instant level of trust far beyond what briefings and benefits display booths can achieve.

"VA certainly has wonderful programs and it is the place to go and get help," Law said. "But VA is also a giant system and it can be very intimidating when you first come to it. In the benefit and health care structure, veterans can get the feeling that they are just another number. We provide a face, but more importantly, a story. Our stories will connect with their stories and let them know they have found someone to get them through."

The other veteran volunteers on the team share Law's dedication. The group has already been to several Ohio National Guard and Reserve drills, as well as family readiness group functions, and they are reaching out to active duty members and their families in Ohio through the U.S. Army Columbus Recruiting Battalion's Family Support Group and community relations programs to offer their services. They have visited troops on return trips and at every stop, they give their contact numbers freely to new soldiers and encourage the troops to call them anytime. The group's Web site, [www.welcomehomewarrior.org](http://www.welcomehomewarrior.org), features a listing of the team members and their contact information.

"Operation Welcome Home Warrior is like a red carpet for us when we get back," said former Army Ranger Eric Allen, one of the veterans helped by the program. "Having someone who knows what I've been through because he's been there too makes the differ-

ence. I've fought in Desert Storm and Somalia, but not until I returned from OIF did I encounter something this kind to veterans."

Burzynski and the team members say it's the personalized attention that makes the difference to the returning troops. Welcome Home Warrior works like a mentor-partner up with a team member and learn how to navigate the rigors of combat stress and make the transition back to civilian life.

"We deal with the soldiers on a one-on-one basis," former Army Green Beret Jim Garvey said. "We get their information and we try to find someone on our team that is a perfect fit for them to partner up with."

"Obviously, I would make a great companion for a Special Forces soldier or a heavy combatant, but I might not be able to relate as

well to a medic as one of our other guys can."

In fact, Garvey shares a special relationship with Allen, who he has taken under his wing. The two combat veterans from different eras periodically meet and speak on the phone.

## Warrior Wisdom

The team's veterans hail from all four service branches and a variety of backgrounds, ranging from medics to explosive ordnance disposal technicians. Each has a story to share and listening ear to spare.

The "warrior wisdom" the team hopes to pass on to the new generation of returning troops is all about keeping hope, and just as in war, it relies heavily on the battle buddy system.

Troops are encouraged to keep in touch with their fellow returning soldiers, not be afraid to discuss events that happened overseas, and seek VA counseling and care. Above all, the troops are encouraged to be careful how they react around their families.

"Whenever I'm milling with the Gl's, I ask them if they notice anything different about the way their families react to them," said Davis, team member and former Army sergeant. "It's almost always a yes. I tell them it's not really the people [around them] that have changed; it's the soldier that is not the same. You look at things a lot differently than before you went overseas and got into a combat zone. That

really hits home with a lot of troops."

## Spreading the word

Burzynski and the team would like to see OWHW efforts get started at all VA medical centers.

"There was no difficulty in getting this together, and the benefits for VA and these veterans has been amazing," Burzynski said. "We had people that wanted to do it; they were people of action and we got this done."

The volunteer veterans of the team are willing to help other facilities start their own teams. "I think every vet that I have talked to has been willing to do something like this," said Frank Kearney, team member and former Army staff sergeant. "When I got out of

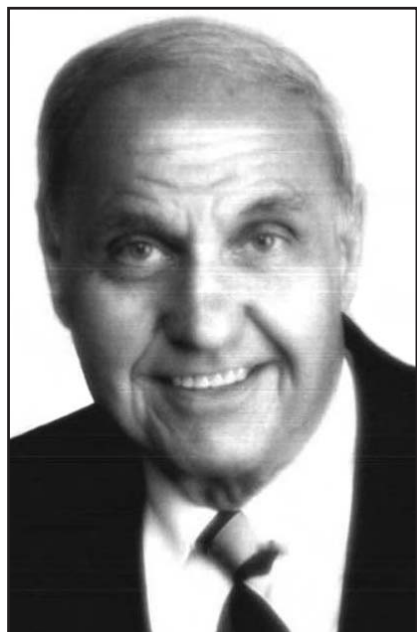
the Army, it was thank you very much, go figure it out on your own and that was how it was for most of us. We don't want that to happen now and we can prevent it from happening."

Burzynski believes the success of the Columbus program sends a powerful message to VA employees, too. "We all share the same mission. That mission is taking care of America's heroes, and whatever we can do to assist in that mission is our basic duty," he said. "Groups like Operation Welcome Home Warrior really help make that mission possible at the personal level. I hope every medical center reads this and wants to start a program just like it."





# Grammar guru to speak at DSCC Nov. 30



Clinton Friedley

By Anna Crooks  
DSCC Toastmasters Club

A presentation entitled "Tips on Spelling, Grammar and Writing" sounds like a boring subject, right?

Not on Nov. 30, when author and speaker Clinton Friedley will make a return appearance at Defense Supply Center Columbus to entertain and teach associates about grammar tips in a humorous style - a style that is guaranteed to make the knowledge stick.

DSCC's Toastmasters

Club - A Group of Individuals Seeking Self Improvement (AGOISSI) - will play host to Friedley in the Building 20 auditorium from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

All DSCC associates are invited to attend this entertaining and informative grammar presentation, club president Greg Legger said.

Friedley is the author of *I Feel Badly and I Enjoyed Myself: Do you talk like this?* and *101 Dumb Things We Write*. His books have been featured in *The Columbus Dispatch* and *The Cleve-*

land Plain Dealer.

He has also published 25 magazine articles, won first prize in a humorous writing contest, and has given speaking presentations to numerous conventions and other Toastmasters clubs. The DSCC Toastmasters Club also hosted Friedley in August 2003.

Friedley also taught eight years for the OSU Creative Activities Program and still teaches for the Upper Arlington Adult Education Program.

Born and educated in New Washington, Ohio, he worked as a printer for

the Dispatch for 39 years. He was also president of the Worthington Writers' Group for 23 years.

He has two daughters, who are both teachers, and four grandchildren. He lives in Worthington with his wife, Charlene.

AGOISSI meetings are normally scheduled on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in Building 20 Room C338N. Guests are always welcome. To learn more about Toastmasters, call Legger at 614-692-9763 or Jeannette McDonald at 614-692-1851.

## Air National Guard students 'Make A Difference' for needy family

By Air Force Sr. Airman David Conrad  
121st ARW Public Affairs

Ohio Air National Guard students helped "make a difference" for a Columbus family by helping to build a home for the family this past summer as part of a national campaign.

In the 121st Air Refueling Wing's first Airman Leadership Class at Rick- enbacker Air National Guard Base, 13 ANG students and their four guests joined more than 100,000 Ohio volunteers and three million volun-

teers nationwide as part of "Make A Difference Day."

Air Force Master Sgt. Brian Schaefer, a 121st Airman Leadership School instructor who accompanied the group, said "it was a great experience and a great day."

In conjunction with Habitat for Humanity, the students provided 76 total hours of construction work for their community.

Make A Difference Day is the largest national day of volunteering, and recognizes a years worth of service projects that touched the lives of about

25 million people in 2004. Ohio organizers say the effort's long-term goal is to strengthen neighborhoods, the state and the nation through community service and volunteerism.

"It was the Guard's pleasure to partner with Habitat for Humanity and make a difference in the lives of a family," said 121st ARW community affairs manager Air Force Lt. Col. Kathy Lowrey.

This is the first time the Ohio Air National Guard has participated in Make A Difference Day, but

*See Needy family on page 13*



(Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. Brian Schaefer)

*Ohio National Guard Airman Leadership School students and guests gather in July at the building site of a Habitat for Humanity home in Columbus.*

## Defense Logistics Agency announces DRMS A-76 results

By Dawn Dearden  
DLA Public Affairs

Defense Logistics Agency officials announced Oct. 7 that warehousing functions at 68 Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service sites in the United States will be performed by the government's most efficient organization, or MEO.

Implementation of the MEOs proposal will result in warehousing operations being consolidated to 18 sites, one of which will be located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Among the warehousing operations that will be consolidated is the DRMO in

Columbus, located in Building 9 on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation. It will consolidate to the Wright-Patterson site.

Other DRMS services such as hazardous, scrap, reutilization, cross stocking and customer support service will continue to function at the Columbus site.

The transition for the DRMO Columbus, which has 11 employees, is scheduled for May 2006.

The tentative decision to retain the DRMS functions in-house rather than award to a private sector company was announced by DLA June 30. The tentative decision was made after a

detailed public-private competition indicated it was more cost effective for the competed functions to be retained by the government than to be converted to contract performance.

The DLA administrative appeal authority considered appeals of the tentative cost comparison decision from Genco Infrastructure Solutions Inc., Resource Consultants Inc., the DRMS MEO and employees at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, Selfridge Army National Guard Base, Mich.

After a thorough review of the issues appealed, the appeal authority stated that

the appeals did not identify sufficient problems with the challenged issues. The appeal authority issued a final determination showing that the cost comparison favors government performance.

To be eligible for consideration, an appeal must identify noncompliance with requirements and procedures set forth in Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76, the guidance governing the public-private competition, or specific items entered on the cost comparison form.

The projected five-year gross savings resulting from this decision is \$45.4 mil-

lion, or a 47.9 percent reduction of the costs associated with the warehousing functions currently performed at the DRMS sites. The competed functions are currently being performed by about 300 federal and contractor employees.

A complete listing of competed, reduced operations, and consolidated sites is available at [www.dla.mil/public\\_info/drmsA76.pdf](http://www.dla.mil/public_info/drmsA76.pdf).

DRMS, a DLA field activity, has its headquarters in Battle Creek, Mich.

*Editor's note: Dan Bender of the DSCC Public Affairs Office contributed to this article.*



# DFAS Columbus employee provides DPAS training, implementation overseas

By Jim Bolton  
DFAS Corporate  
Communications

A Defense Finance and Accounting Service information technology specialist traveled around the world recently to serve his country in a hostile environment.

Don Wagner, 54, deployed to Qatar and Afghanistan Sept. 7-28. While in the two countries, Wagner had a two-fold mission. Initially, he was to provide Defense Property Accountability System training for three Army activities, followed by system implementation at Bagram Air Base - a coalition installation in Afghanistan.

"Civilians going into the war zone are getting a lot of attention," said the soft-spoken Wagner. "It's unusual to be so heavily influenced by world politics."

"The key point is that this shows the dedication of a DFAS employee who went to great lengths to support our Army customers," said Carol A. Webb, Technology Services Organization Columbus director.

A federal employee since 1981, Wagner began working for DFAS in November 1994.

DPAS is a computer-

based system introduced into the federal inventory in the mid-1990s that handles property and financial accountability functions, according to Wagner.

Wagner volunteered for his tour of duty in the two countries for two reasons, he said.

One reason he volunteered, Wagner remarked, "was because someone just needed to do it." His second motivation was his desire to serve the U.S. military.

"My son, Matthew, is in the Army in Korea, and I never was in the military," Wagner said. "It may seem funny, but I felt called to serve and contribute."

Army 2nd Lt. Matthew Wagner is an Army field artillery officer assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery at Camp Casey, Korea. During his travels, Wagner stayed in contact with his son through e-mails. "In a way, he served as my mentor," he said.

Although traveling and working in unfamiliar territory, Wagner said he received a lot of support from his DFAS co-workers and is willing to deploy overseas again.

While traveling between Qatar and Afghanistan, Wagner encountered a six-day delay while the Afghan

elections were taking place.

"During the time, all flights, military and civilian, were delayed or canceled," Wagner said.

"This was the most frustrating part of my trip and ended up shortening my available work time," he added.

Wagner worked alongside other U.S. and coalition contractors as well as soldiers who filled billets as supply and property man-

agement specialists.

"I was very impressed with the soldiers," Wagner said. "The soldiers were mostly Reserve and National Guard troops. They worked very hard for long hours."

"Everyone wore more than one hat," Wagner continued, "and the living conditions were pretty primitive based on U.S. standards."

Although standards were

lower, residents at Bagram did have a gymnasium, a post exchange and two dining facilities.

Wagner said he had very little contact with the locals in Qatar and Afghanistan.

"Bagram Air Base was locked down to non-military and contractor personnel," he said.

Wagner and his wife, Randy, reside in Sunbury, Ohio. The couple has two adult children.



(Photo by Don Wagner)

*Bunker huts, or "B-Huts," are typical lodging for U.S. and coalition military forces and civilians, including some contractors.*



(DFAS photo by Jim Bolton)

*Don Wagner, an information technology specialist from DFAS Columbus, traveled to Qatar and Afghanistan to assist with Defense Property Accountability System training and implementation.*



(Photo by Ron Parrett)

*Army Lt. Col. Victoria V. Flack (right), Combined Joint Task Force-76, Army Field Support Battalion - Afghanistan acting commander, presents a certificate of appreciation to Don Wagner for his service.*



# DSCC celebrates Marine Corps' 230th birthday



(DSCC photos by Chuck Moffett)

In the photo on the left, 32 Marines with service ranging from World War II to present gather for a photo with DSCC Commander Navy Rear Adm. Charlie Lilli (center) after attending the Marine Corps' 230th birthday cake-cutting ceremony held Nov. 7 in the Building 20 auditorium. In the photo on the right, retired Marine Master Sgt. Mike Rundle (left) presents the oldest Marine present, Buck Sgt. George Peto Jr., with a piece of birthday cake. Peto was born Sept. 18, 1922, in Akron, Ohio, and enlisted in the Marines in 1941. He served tours with the 1st Marine Division in World War II. Also pictured is the youngest Marine present, Pvt. Zachary Skrel, born Feb. 13, 1987. Skrel recently completed boot camp at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., and is a student at Ohio Dominican University. The 18-year-old Marine is a reservist assigned to Lima Co. 3/25 as a rifleman. The cake-cutting ceremony was held as an illustration of the bond that Marines have with each other and of the passing of proud traditions of the Corps from one generation to the next. During the ceremony, the oldest and youngest Marines in attendance receive the first pieces of cake.

## DSCC associates part of 'The Chocolate Nutcracker' production

Submitted by Linda Davenport  
DSCC Maritime Supply Operations

A group of Defense Supply Center Columbus associates recently performed in the Columbus production of "The Chocolate Nut-

cracker."

DSCC associates Debra Hobbs, Linda Davenport, Jacqueline Moore, Linda Thomas, Jennie Williams and Charles Jordan were featured singers in the musical production, an annual fundraiser for Columbus Area Inc.

"The Chocolate Nutcracker," a spin-off of the classic "Nutcracker" ballet, was performed Nov. 10 and 11 at The Palace Theater. It was sponsored by Columbus Area Inc., formerly known as Columbus Area Community Mental Health Center Inc. The Columbus

Association for the Performing Arts co-sponsored this year's production.

"The Chocolate Nutcracker" is a musical stage production that is narrated and features the journeys of Claire, the principal dancer, through several exotic and cultural lands. Scenes are performed in varied dance styles including ballet, tap, hip hop, swing, jazz, modern, African and American pop. The DSCC associates sang

in the gospel scene, which is this year's new adventure for Claire.

The production includes an educational component that educates the youth performers and audience about diverse cultural heritages as well as the historical culture and social background of other ethnic and cultural groups.

Columbus Area Inc. donated \$1 from each ticket sold to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

### THANK YOU

My family and I would like to thank the DSCC Civilian Welfare and Post Restaurant Council for the beautiful flowers and friends and co-workers at DFAS for all the cards, support and sympathy following the death of our mother.

**Carla Grier, DFAS**

My husband, David, and I want to thank DSCC Commander Navy Rear Adm. Charlie Lilli, Deputy Commander James McClaugherty and the DSCC Civilian Welfare and Post Restaurant Council for the lovely flowers sent in honor of my father, John Obranovich, upon

his passing. We are also extremely grateful for the beautiful flowers, generous contributions to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, numerous sympathy cards and messages of condolence from our many wonderful friends and co-workers at DSCC. Your thoughtful acts of kindness have been a deep comfort to us both and we ask that you continue to remember our family in your prayers.

**Diane and David Circle, DSCC**

To submit a thank you for publication in the Columbus Federal Voice, e-mail the thank you to [publicaffairs.dscc@dla.mil](mailto:publicaffairs.dscc@dla.mil)



CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Needy family

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Lowrey said she hopes the Wing will be able to participate in Ohio projects again next year. She would also like to see further involvement by all of the Ohio National Guard in future years.

Ohio has led the nation for the past four years in total number of service projects;

745 projects were implemented in the state last year.

Make A Difference Day Ohio started in 2000 under Ohio's First Lady Hope Taft and the Ohio Community Service Council. The national day was founded by USA Weekend Magazine in 1990, and celebrated its 15th anniversary last October.

Through activities such as food drives, neighborhood and environmental cleanup, health screenings, recognition of veterans, and clothing collection and distribution, the program has reached all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, England, Brazil, Canada and Israel.



(Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Doug Nicodemus)

Two Ohio Air National Guard 121st Air Refueling Wing members are shown with Habitat for Humanity executive director Col. (Ret). E.J. Thomas (far right) and several Habitat for Humanity volunteers Oct. 22 in front of the same home.

Social Security

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information.

They can select the information they would like on the proof of income letter. This means that the letter can also be used as proof of a disability, of current Medicare health insurance coverage, of retirement status or of the person's age.

A requested Proof of Income letter will

arrive in the mail about 10 days after it is requested. It is important to remember, however, that someone can request a letter only for themselves. For example, if their spouse also receives benefits, then the spouse must request a separate letter.

If someone needs proof sooner, they can contact their local Social Security office.

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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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Last issue's Cryptiquip: MIGHT A BROWNED HAMBURGER BUN TOPPED WITH SEEDS BE DESCRIBED AS A "SESAME TREAT"?

This issue's Cryptiquip clue: Q equals L

The Cryptiquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**It's A DATE**

**November 2005**

**American Indian Heritage Month**

**Nov. 16** - National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Ceremony, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Bldg. 20 cafeteria

**Nov. 17** - Great American Smokeout

**Nov. 18** - Installation Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Bldg. 114

**Nov. 21-22** - Federal Executive Association Conference, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Fawcett Center at OSU

**Nov. 22** - DLA Director's Open Forum, 10 a.m.,

Bldg. 20 auditorium

**Nov. 24** - Thanksgiving Day

**December 2005**

**National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month**

**Universal Human Rights Month**

**Dec. 2** - Installation Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Bldg. 114

**Dec. 5** - DSCC Town Hall, 9-10 a.m., Bldg. 20 auditorium

**Dec. 6** - DSCC Town Hall, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Bldg. 20 auditorium

**Dec. 7** - Pearl Harbor Day

**Dec. 7** - DSCC CFC wrap-up ceremony, 11 a.m.-noon, Bldg. 20 cafeteria

**Dec. 8** - DSCC Town Hall, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bldg. 20 auditorium

**Dec. 12** - FEHB Open Season ends

**Dec. 13** - DSCC Command Holiday Open House

**Dec. 14** - LDA State of the Center, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Officers Club

**Dec. 15** - MWR Holiday Party, Bldg. 20 cafeteria

**Dec. 16** - Installation Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Bldg. 114



# September roll-out establishes DSCC land supply chain in BSM

From the DLA BSM Communication Team

With the approval of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and under the direction of its senior leaders, the Defense Logistics Agency rolled out the ninth of 18 monthly business systems modernization increments in September. The September roll-out established the Defense Supply Center Columbus' BSM land supply chain and the land supply chain detachment in Philadelphia.

In Columbus, the roll-out transitioned 193 new users and 125,169 national stock numbers totaling \$102 million in annual sales into the BSM program. In Philadelphia, 154 new users and 157,989 NSNs totaling \$74 million in annual sales volume were included.

All users added in September prepared for their transition to new BSM jobs by attending user orientations, completing Change Discussions 1 and 2, by successfully completing all levels of scheduled BSM training and by participating in various feedback opportunities.

Some challenges were experienced during the first three weeks of the roll-out, but all of the issues were successfully resolved, and the system is now operating as expected. The specific issues encountered during this roll-out period were:

\* During initial login sessions, new users in both Columbus and Philadelphia

experienced problems with passwords and access to the BSM portal. These situations were quickly addressed, and users are no longer experiencing either of these problems.

\* There was a delay in updating the DLA lookup tool with the land items and points of contact. This was resolved, and the tool was updated Sept. 23.

\* Users in Philadelphia experienced issues with processing items from the National Industries for the Blind and National Industries for the Severely Handicapped. This, too, was successfully resolved.

\* Finally, the first planned purchase requests for DLA direct items were passed to procurement Sept. 16. Procurement experienced issues with interface run time and data (procurement history) loads into the Defense Pre-Award Contracting System, causing delays in purchase request processing. This issue was successfully resolved, and normal system processing resumed Sept. 22.

The BSM implementation team and DLA leaders will continue to keep the DLA work force informed about BSM implementation going forward. Local BSM offices and supervisors are always available to answer any questions on this or any other BSM-related issue.

The complete BSM roll-out schedule can be viewed at <https://bsm.hq.dla.mil/Members/references/briefings/index.htm>.



(DLA photo)

DLA Enterprise Support-Columbus MWR chief Al Kluczynski (second from left) and Jose Nieto (center), PGA club golf professional and manager of the Eagle Eye Golf Course at DSCC, pose with DLA officials and their MWR Quality of Life Awards at the Nov. 1-3 DLA MWR One Fund Standing Committee meeting held at the Hart Dole Inouye Center in Battle Creek, Mich. On the left is DLA MWR staff director Kim Combs. To the right of Nieto is Frank Walker, DES-Battle Creek site director, and Marine Col. John Fitzgerald, Defense Logistics Information System commander.

## MWR personnel named to DLA honors

Five Defense Supply Center Columbus associates were recently honored with Defense Logistics Agency Morale Welfare and Recreation Quality of Life awards for fiscal 2004 during the MWR One Fund Standing Committee meeting held Nov. 1-3 at the Hart Dole Inouye Center in Battle Creek, Mich. Jose Nieto, club golf professional at the Eagle Eye Golf Course, and Al Kluczynski, DLA Enterprise Support-Columbus MWR chief, received the Quality of Life Facility Excellence Award for the maintenance and operations of the golf course. Patricia Jacobs and Debra Hobbs received Innovation Awards for their collaboration on two successful events - the Family Fun Fest and the Holiday Party. Bill Lewis and Kluczynski also received Innovation



(DLA photo)

Also honored at the DLA MWR One Fund Standing Committee meeting were DLA Enterprise Support-Columbus associates (from left) Patricia Jacobs, Debra Hobbs and Bill Lewis.

Awards for instrumental roles in conversion of the Building 21 food court to Café 21, a full-scale cafeteria operation. Some of the innovations cited were

improvements to the golf course, correction of drainage problems, and the installation of a new picnic pavilion at the swimming pool.

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# National Guard race car a hit with fans young and old

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The National Guard Nextel Cup NASCAR car was on display during the Columbus Marathon's Health & Fitness Expo in the Greater Columbus Convention Center's Battelle Hall during marathon festivities Oct. 14 and 15.

Greg Biffle, driver of the National Guard car, is second in the Nextel Cup points race.

Ohio Army National Guard recruiters sponsored the display. Recruiters said visitors at the display had the chance to have their photo taken by the race car. Those having a photo taken would be able to access a Web site and download their picture with a special badge received at the display.

Soldiers working at the booth said the stock car was a hit with expo visitors of all ages. In addition to having a photo, children and adults could look inside the car,

which has run on several NASCAR tracks throughout the country. The stock car is now used for National Guard recruiting displays nationwide.

The Ohio Army National Guard was a co-sponsor of the health and fitness event as well as the marathon.

"The National Guard is an awesome service. We're involved in a diversity of events," said Staff Sgt. Glen Gossett, a recruiter from Newark.

Soldiers and airmen from the National Guard assisted with everything from registration to handing out goodie bags and tee shirts to handing out water to marathon participants during the race. The expo was held Friday and Saturday and attracted race participants and spectators alike.

The 26-mile marathon was run Oct. 16 through the streets of downtown Columbus. The National Guard stock car was also on display at the marathon finish line.



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.)

*Army Spc. John Suver of the Ohio Army National Guard's 1-137th Aviation Battalion inspects the interior of the National Guard race car at the Columbus Marathon's Health & Fitness Expo in the Greater Columbus Convention Center's Battelle Hall. Suver is assigned to the Guard's Counter Drug Task Force and was one of more than 50 members of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard working throughout the expo.*

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